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150. Polizei-Revier
II.,Leopoldsgasse 18.

Wien,den 28.April 1940.

Herr Israel S t i e l m a n n, 1865 geb.
ist am 27.April 1940 in Buchenwald verstorben.

Auf einen an die Friedhofverwaltung in Weimar zu richtenden Antrag können die Angehörigen die Asche auf eigene Kosten an die Verwaltung des Heimatfriedhofes übersenden lassen.

Die Sterbeurkunde ist beim Standesamt in Weimar II Buchenwald zu beantragen.

Gestapo.

II.,Obere Donaustraße 65/8

Bezeichnung der Anstalt / Kaserne _____

Anschrift: _____ Bezirk, _____

Einwohnerverzeichnung,
Abgang gemäß §§ 93 ff.,

An das BESONDERE STADTAM

Referat: Geschl

~~Übersiedelt ist am~~ _____

Vor- und Zuname: _____

geboren am _____/_____1___ in ___

Letzte Stammblattnummer		

nach _____,

Land _____

Wien, am _____ Unter

B.St.A.I,S.D.Nr.170, R P 3611-5,Ö.Norm A 5,S

June 22, 1987

Congressman Bill Green
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

I read with great interest the report of May 29, 1987 regarding actions initiated by you and later endorsed by other Members of Congress in the matter of the three Nazi criminals - Waldheim, Linnas and Rudolph - as well as an additional, extremely important one, that of the accessibility of thousands of files of other accused Nazi criminals which have collected dust in the U N archives for all too long, enabling said Nazis to live out their unworthy lives in security, comfort and ease; not one of them deserving same. It is most gratifying to know, that there are men like you in our Government - unfortunately all too few - who refuse to overlook and, in doing so, literally condone this horrible past of our people but, instead, do their utmost to finally expose these murderers, so that some peace may be brought to the souls of millions of their innocent victims and survivors. Please don't ever faulter in this good work and may you and your family be blessed for it!

I shall never understand why Waldheim's records were not thoroughly checked ere he was admitted to the United Nations - let alone permitted to head same for ten years? Why no pressure is being put on our Attorney General to resign - a man overstepping his duties in his anxiety to search the world for sanctuary for Nazi murderer Karl Linnas, a cruel, heartless butcher of thousands of innocent people, so that he may live out his undeserving years in comfort and peace? In my opinion, this country does not need the likes of Mr. Meese in its Government. Ofcourse, it comes of no surprise to me (and many others) that the Pope intends to meet with Kurt Waldheim. Wasn't it Pope John who, in the 1940's, gave sanctuary to Nazi war criminals at the Vatican and arranged for their safe passage to South America among other countries? Truly sad, that all the afore-mentioned is just starting to be exposed, thanks to people like you and the many organizations formed to track them down - almost half a century later .....

You may recall from our past correspondence, that I too am a refugee from the Nazis having been born in Vienna, Austria and, though luckier than most of my family in that I am alive and was not an inmate of a Concentration Camp, my past is quite a story to relate and has left its many scars on my well being forever. This story was "touched upon" in a thirty minute broadcast on radio station K D K A in Pittsburgh, Pa. in less than three months after my arrival there in 1943 and later related by me to numerous organizations for war bond drives and various charitable causes. Throughout the years I had been advised time and again to write a book re same but, to date, have been unable to do so. There is no doubt in my mind however, that my lifestory, in the hands of an empathic, excellent script writer, would make a most interesting and conscience-moving mini series or movie. Unfortunately, I lack the proper contacts.

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Both my parents and I were great admirers of the late Edward G. Murrow - one of the best reporters of our time - and certainly most deserving of the Eisenhower Liberation Medal even if, unfortunately, posthumously. He managed to describe in a few short paragraphs the horror confronting him at Buchenwald; the torture and inhumanity inflicted upon the millions of our innocent men, women and children in a manner that the nine hour television documentary "Shoa" which took twelve years to make, never could. Having lost most of my family, including two beautiful, small children in Camps, none of these reports are of news to me. Nor do they reopen past wounds for these are always with me - they can never heal.

I am enclosing a copy of the actual size scrap paper received by my greatly missed parents from the Gestapo, typed on half a piece of scratch paper (please note back) which informs them of the death in Buchenwald on April 27, 1940 of my grandfather, Israel Stilman - whose name they didn't even bother to spell correctly. They further advised, that "the ashes" may be obtained at the relatives' expense by contacting the cemetery office in Weimar II Buchenwald, where the information regarding his death could also be obtained. The ashes, only Lord knows whose and of how many, were received in a small paper box by my father, the son of the deceased, at a cost of 40 Reichsmark.....

My grandmother was taken to an Old Age Home for Women and poisoned there one morning together with all the other inhabitants. They were the fortunate ones - they did not suffer long. As for the rest of my family, all efforts on my behalf to obtain information as to their fate were to no avail.

Please keep up the good work and continue to influence others around you to join you in these efforts! No wonder your dear mother spoke so very proudly of you when I met her! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Regina R. Cooper

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Name: REGINA (First Name) RENATE (Middle Name) COOPER (Last Name)

Address: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted] **Occupation in US:** CREDIT & COLLECTION MANAGER *(before retirement)*

Date of Birth: __ __ 1927 (Month Day Year) **Place of Birth:** VIENNA, AUSTRIA (City, Country)

Prewar Address: WEIHBURGGASSE 18/20, WIEN I (FIRST DISTRICT) VIENNA, AUSTRIA (Street, *(District, if in Vienna)*, City, Country)

Prewar Name: REGINE RENATE **Maiden Name:** STILMAN

1. Education/Occupation(s) *(please if possible, indicate institutions and year when entered/left)*

1933-1937 JOHANNESGASSE VOLKSCHULE
1937-1939 SCHWARZWALD REALGYMNASIUM
1939-1941 LAURISTON ROAD SCHOOL (LONDON)
1941 TYLDESLEY GIRLS SCHOOL (BLACKPOOL) - 1943-46 TAYLOR ALLDERDICE HIGH (in Pittsburgh, PA)

2. Were you affiliated with any kind of organization (Youth, Zionist, Political, etc.)? If so, did you have any specific function? NO

3. Were you arrested and/or interned? *(please indicate where and when)*

NO

4. What was your route of emigration? *(please indicate places and dates of stay)*

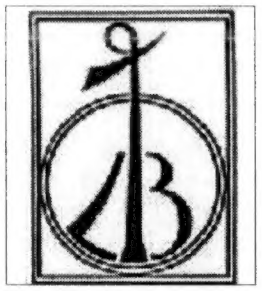
LEFT VIENNA, ARRIVED IN LONDON, June 1939 by KINDERTRANSPORT
MOVED TO BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE in 1941 when bombed out from LONDON
WENT TO NEW YORK (by Convoy) on Sept. 18, 1943
JOINED MY PARENTS IN PITTSBURGH, PA thereafter

5. May we contact you again with a more detailed follow-up questionnaire? *(please circle)* **(Yes) / No**

6. Do you have any documents, such as photographs, letters, diaries, all kinds of manuscripts, etc., that would be appropriate for the archives of the LBI? **(Yes) / No**

ENCLOSED - COPIES:
My story
Grandfather's Decree
letter to Cong. Green

If necessary please use additional sheets. Thank you!



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